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Administrative Remedy No. 326198-A1 Part B - Response

This is in response to your Central Office Administrative Remedy Appeal in which you request a liver biopsy and treatment for your Hepatitis C infection.

A review of your medical records reveals your ALT levels have been consistently normal or very near normal for the past two years. BOP guidelines for the treatment of Hepatitis C are based on a large body of scientific literature, much of which is summarized in the NIH Consensus Conference Statement: "Management of Hepatitis C, 2002." These guidelines do not recommend treating every patient with Hepatitis C, since significant liver disease develops in only about 15% of those who are infected. It takes 20 years or more for cirrhosis to develop in this 15% of infected individuals. The serum ALT level is used as an indirect indicator of liver inflammation. Recent research has shown that individuals with persistently normal or nearnormal ALT levels are unlikely to have significant or progressive liver disease.

We concur with the findings and decisions of the Institution and Regional Office in that the medical care you are receiving at this time is appropriate. Accordingly, your appeal is denied.

Harrell Watts, Administrator

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## Part B - Response

In your appeal, you contend you are not receiving adequate medical care at FCI McKean for the Hepatitis C virus. You state you have not received a liver biopsy, which believe is the current curative treatment for your condition.

A review of your appeal reveals the Warden correctly summarized the medical care you are receiving. Additionally, you were recently evaluated by a staff physician on February 4, 2004. He noted you were not in pain. The physician did not indicate you required a liver biopsy nor that you met the Bureau criteria for interferon and ribaviron treatment at that time. He discussed diet and medication with you and planned to see you again for follow up care. If you still have concerns regarding diet and medication, you must raise these concerns at your next chronic care clinic visit. Medical staff advise that you are receiving appropriate medical care. Accordingly, your appeal is denied.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to the General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons. Your appeal must be received in the Administration Remedy Section, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20534, within 30 calendar days of the date of this response.

Date: May 6, 2004

Regional Director

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RECIPIENT'S SIGNATURE (STAFF MEMBER)

I have not had or been given a liver biopsy, which is necessary to determine the extent of damage already incurred to my ## liver and nor has, my genotyphe or strain strand been determine. I have not been avised what to eat or not to eat, I have not been advised what medicines to take, and not to take. niether have I been offered or, orclearthe diesease from my system. This desease, will not go away by it's self inface, in the absence, of treatment I may progress to cirrhosis end stage liver diesease and hepatocellulur carcinoma. Each of these is associated with premature mortality and considerable morbidty. The current protocol here, at Mckean would allow me or my liver to take a turn preventative me asures treatment. The Mckean Protocol denies currative treatment, I was simply given sn out dated 1992 hepatitis, pamplet that is very very limited in respect to hepstitid-c. I believe that I'm entitled to the current curative treatment of, a combination of pegylated interferon and ribavirin, I also believe I'm entitled to a liver biopsy and examinations by an, exprienced gastroenterolgist or a hepatologist I hereby request all of the above in respect to my liver disease.

P.S. Physicians often fall short of curing and individual of hepatitis-c infaction because they don't treat it like any other chronic medical condition. I can be cured if treated aggressively. Liver biopsy is the gold standard for judging the severity of the disease.

CHERRY, Darryl Reg. No.: 07928-078

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## **PART B-RESPONSE**

This is in response to your Request for Administrative Remedy receipted in my office on February 19, 2004, in which you claim you are not receiving appropriate medical care for hepatitis C. Specifically, you request a liver biopsy and treatment with interferon and ribaviron.

An investigation of your complaint reveals you were diagnosed with hepatitis C, and placed on chronic care clinic, July 26, 2000. You are evaluated by the medical officer every three months at chronic care clinic. You are educated as to your condition at each clinic visit. The health services unit follows guidelines set forth by the medical director of the Bureau of Prisons for the treatment of hepatitis. You currently do not fit the guidelines to obtain a liver biopsy or receive medication. You will continue to be evaluated at regular intervals on clinic. If you experience problems with your health between clinic visits you may sign up for sick call.

Based on this information, your Request for Administrative Remedy is denied.

In the event that you are not satisfied with this response, you may appeal within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of this response by submitting a BP-DIR-230 to the regional director.

Date

Jámes F. Sherman, Warden